



41 Club
EX-ROUND TABLERS

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March Newsletter

Social Distancing

This is a newsletter with a difference - no Ads for forthcoming events or dinners - just a briefing of where we are and where we need to be.

We will be contacting you about the AGM & Voting soon.

The Comms Team is looking into Video Conferencing and is working on a guide to make it easy for you to have virtual meetings on a club-by-club basis with one another. We want it to be free and simple to use.

For those early adopters amongst you Zoom appears the favourite (and is already in use by Rotary, so some of you might already be familiar with it)

RTBI is looking to use Google Hangouts and is, willing to share this with us. Developments on either front should be available shortly. The IRO has a new Blog at tinyurl.com/41clubiro which is up to date on 41 International events.

You can find the latest UK govt advice on Covid-19 at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

& the latest Irish govt advice at <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/c36c85-covid-19-coronavirus/>



Keep Safe

With the recent shutdown of the UK and Ireland due to the virus Covid 19, we are all facing unprecedented and anxious times.

We have had to make a difficult decision to cancel Conference and the AGM in Cardiff following government guidelines, the health and wellbeing of our members foremost in our minds. It is vitally important at this time that we all stay in contact either by phone, email, FaceTime, with our members both in our own clubs and on a National level.

Unfortunately both Peter Good and Tracey Pickin will not have the year that they had planned. Although this is desperately disappointing, the situation is out of our control. 41 Club is based on Fellowship and Friendship and we will support them.

Finally I wish to thank all Board members, National Councillors, and all 41 Club members for providing me with the opportunity to be your representative as National President. It has been amazing, and thought provoking in many ways.

Please stay in touch with each other we are only a phone call away.

Andrew



Peter Good

President-elect

What a fast changing world we live in today!

The year ahead represents a decade of change, 2020 has already become one of the most significant years in our history due to the social impact of coronavirus. However, we have an amazing resilience in our country and whilst we celebrate 75 years of The Association of Ex-Round Tablers Great Britain

& Ireland, we will endure.

We have served our communities for 75 years, helping Round Table, and building International Fellowship. Not since the Second World War have the services of our members been required as much as they are today, now is the time to show our steel and determination in society.

Now is the time for the not so young men of Great Britain and Ireland to get around the table and discuss changing times.

We have a year with new and exciting partnerships, through the great work behind the scenes.

Even though the country is facing desperate social challenges, we are creating amazing partnerships for the members, ready for when we clear this period.

We are working with SSAFA for the National 75th VE Day celebrations. I can officially announce the new date will support VJ day on 15th August. There are also significant partnerships like Dementia UK, one that is very close to my heart.

On the business side of things I am setting a challenge for the National Council, I am asking the council to focus on the future of the association, we need a new plan, one that is created by the members for the members.

My challenge to you all is very simple; create a new five-year plan that creates momentum, clear focus on our PR and membership strengths and a plan that allows the organisation to become future proof for all generations.

Let's raise our profile of 4I Club within the communities we serve, celebrate who we are, the things we do well and ensure we use all modern communication channels to spread the word, "4I Club GB&I are planning a future that represents the changes in society and have a plan for future growth and success.

However, none of which could be successful without your involvement. Simply put I am reaching out to all corners of the country to bring people together, let us make it a "GOOD YEAR" for all members.

I believe it is time to look forward and not go back over old ground, let us look out the window together, not in the mirror.

Our Plans Ahead

National Conference has now been cancelled which is a great disappointment for all; it is however it is the right decision based on what is happening.

I appreciate that for President Andrew and leaving board members Sean McCormick and Tom Atkins it will be difficult not having the traditional platform to give farewell greetings.

I am planning on engaging with members as much as possible over the coming weeks, not just online but the old fashion way of writing letters and calling members directly. I am also working with all the clubs that's are rescheduling events to support where I can.

I hope to produce weekly live streaming meetings along with a guest each week, giving the members some value and hopefully something to look forward to whilst we are all in lock down from events.

Due to the cancellation of events in April and May I will personally call members in all areas of the country by phone, to engage with the members. **At 2pm on 4th April** an online Facebook party will be created to give a live stream of information for the year ahead. I am planning a national online campaign to support our communities during this period and hope that this will go live in the next two weeks.

VE Day 75 – The official email of cancellation has gone out. We are instead planning a virtual toast to the nation over social media on 8th May at 2pm by 4I Club, and will be calling upon all members to toast the nation from their own homes with us.

Ypres Tour – You may have seen the note I put out on social media around the change of plans for this amazing tour, the new date of 8th November. All plans are currently being detailed these will shared in the next few weeks.

The 75th Celebration Weekend – I can confirm that as of today the venue has agreed to change the date from June to October, I am sure you would agree this is a sensible approach. Whilst I am sure by the end of June things will improve, I think we would all agree that with current lockdown we would not have momentum to deliver a world-class event, especially one that the association deserves and will truly want.

The next 12 weeks or so will be super tough, however with a bit of creativity and drive we will achieve great things. We have to support each other.

I am absolutely clear in my mind by the time we get going again with events the world of 4IClub will need and want a party to remember.

We need to ensure that **YOU**, our members, have what you need from 4I Club during this period.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

Peter